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SUBJECT: USG WARNING OVER SWA REPORTED.

1. KEN OWN ARTICLE ON AF/S ALTERNATE DIRECTOR HERBERT DAISER'S APRIL 4 TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA GIVEN FRONT PAGE COVERAGE-- INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH OF AMBASSADOR HURD-- BY APRIL 5 PRETORIA NEWS. STORY ALSO CARRIED IN ABRIDGED VERSION ON FRONT PAGE OF JOHANNESBURG STAR.

2. SIX-COLUMN HEADLINE READS " SWA-STIFF U.S. WARNING: SA ACTIONS DAMAGING RELATIONS, SAY HURD." FOLLOWING POINTS MADE: A. FLOGGINGS, ARRESTS AND DETENTION IN COMMUNICADO OF BLACK POLITICAL FIGURES IN SWA LED TO A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN BY AMBASSADOR HURD IN NOVEMBER.

B. SINCE THEN EMBASSY HAS " PROTESTED" MASS ARREST WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY " MAKING REPRESENTATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL ON ONE OCCASION..."

C. DESPITE PROMISE TO DO SO, FONMIN MULLER HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CHARGES AND TREATMENT OF THOSE ARRESTED, SO " EMBASSY FOUND IT UNCLASSIFIED

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NECESSARY THIS WEEK TO REMIND" DFA OF MULLER'S PROMISE.

3. KAISER TESTIMONY QUOTED AT LENGTH, INCLUDING HIS
IMPRESSION DURING RECENT VISIT OF " ENFORCED CALM" IN SWA.
EMBASSY APPROACHES TO SAG WITH RESPECT SITUATION THERE, AND
SAG INTENTION " TO STIFLE POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHICH IT
CONSIDERS DISRUPTIVE OR SUBVERSIVE."
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